

Dear David,

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Thanks for your letter. We both hope we'll see you if you work on a story near here.

On page 34 of the issue there is a paragraph that interest me, if you can let me have a copy of the underlying info.

It refers to the official USSR line on the assassination, as reflected in the book quoted. The paraphrase that interests me adds one thing to the reflection of the USSR position from Nosenko:

"The authors claim that Oswald was a low-level CIA agent who made his well-known trip to Russia to pass ~~on~~ false information about the U.S. radar net around Japan to the Soviets."

While I'm not inclined to believe anything from the USSR on the subject, certainly not without independent confirmation or some reason to credit it, the fact is that Oswald did have that information and it is not generally known. The codes he knew would not have been of any value because they were changed, but the range and other capabilities and the blind spots and other limitations of his and all surrounding units, plus the measures taken to protect the radar from missiles, he knew very well and, in the words of the officer under whom he worked, he was "schooled" in these things. Plus the range of the related radio.

So, although the USSR could have made all of this up for its own reasons, the fact is that unlike 95% of the radar operators, he had much extra knowledge because of his assignments.

So, although I'm dubious, I'd like very much to know exactly what this book says. I can then assess it and see if there is any independent confirmation.

It is in doing this with the report I received from a former Marine companion, remember, that led me to proof that he was the high clearances and worked on CIA projects.

In checking out Jean Davison's book I spotted what I'd forgotten from my 1966 work, that Oswald's Marine assignments were all related to the CIA. (At the same time, in considering whether he served any agency, I've not ruled ONI out.)

Apparently Norton is not yet doing much with her book. If you ~~people~~ <sup>people</sup> get anything about it, I'd like to see it because what she has done serves CIA interests perfectly and, while there may be no relationship, she married a man with the same name as a CIA man with Air Force cover in the Moscow Embassy whose mother's name is in Oswald's notebook and both are Georgians. She married John Davison and although I know of no relationship, the embassy man, Alexis, was caught in the Penkovsky case.

I'd appreciate it if you mention this interest to Paul or any other to whom any info or efforts to sell ancillary rights might be referred.

You might tell Paul that I've received a report I cannot confirm that DJ plans some kind of new report for about the first of the year. I do know that some new records have been processed for disclosure and they are within my requests but I've not received them yet and they may withhold until they make their own (mis)uses. Some relate to Nosenko and others are FBI records given to the CIA but not included in FBI disclosures to date.

Best to you all,

Harold Weisberg